

REMARKS

Claims 1, 12, 24-25, 29-30, 32-33, 41, 45, 49 and 53 have been amended. Claims 44, 48, 52 and 56 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-43, 45-47, 49-51 and 53-55 are currently pending in the application.

PRIORITY

Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge the claim for priority and safe receipt of the certified priority document. The certified priority document was filed on April 17, 2000. A copy of the mailroom date-stamped receipt is attached to indicate receipt of the document by the Patent Office.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-5, 9-17, 22-26, 28-37 and 41-56 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duursma et al in view of Kenner et al. Claims 6-8, 18-21, 27 and 38-40 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duursma et al in view of Kenner et al and further in view of Savage. These rejections are traversed as follows.

By this amendment, independent claims 1, 12, 25, 30, 32, 33, 41, 45, 49 and 53 have been amended to further define and

clarify the present invention. Dependent claims 44, 48, 52 and 56 have been cancelled since their substance has been incorporated into the independent claims from which they depended.

The Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) is known as an identifier for identifying a web site. However, none of the cited prior art references teach that the URI is used for determining whether or not the second request for quoting the second information in the first information is allowed. This aspect of the present invention has been further defined and clarified by the amendments to the claims.

The inventive features of the present invention reside in that the quoted information providing unit (110) determines (209) in response to the second request (208) from the information display unit (120) as to whether or not the second request (Fig. 5) is allowed according to identifying information (URI) included in the second request. The quoted information providing unit (110) can control the information display unit (120) to display the quoted (second) information (251). The second request (Fig. 5) is for requesting quoted (second) information (251) quoted in the primary (first) information (250) on the display screen. The quoted information providing unit (110) checks an identifying information (URI)

included in the second request (Fig. 5) from the primary information providing unit (100). The identifying information is a URI which specifies the primary (first) information (250). The quoted information providing unit (110) has a data table (Fig. 7) which indicates the URIs of the primary (first) information which are allowed to quote the information identified by the identifiers of the quoted information shown in the table. The quoted information providing unit (110) refers to the table (Fig. 7) and determines whether or not the second request (quotation of the second information) is allowed based on a received identifying information (URI) in the second request and the table.

By contrast, the cited Duursma et al, U.S. 2002/0103884, reference merely teaches that a user credential is used to authorize the using of information. However, Duursma et al does not teach that the identifier is used for determining whether or not the second request for quoting the second information in the first information is allowed. If it is determined that the second request is not allowable according to the identifier, the second information is not displayed (quoted) on the first information. The Kenner et al, U.S. 6,314,565, patent does not teach that the identifier is used for determining whether or not the second request for quoting

the second information in the first information is allowed either. Neither does the cited Savage, U.S. 6,442,689, patent teach this concept. Savage was only cited as disclosing the use of an encryption key in an analogous art. Accordingly, it is submitted that all of the pending claims, as amended, patentably define the present invention over the cited prior art.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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